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March 23, 1953

Mr. A. F. Rosen Southwest Motor Company Box 3177 Lowell, Arizona

Dear Fred:

You know my feeling about Fort Huachuca. I expressed it many times during the campaign and for any newspaper to infer that the Arizona delegation did not oppose this closing is not telling the truth. All of us have been actively interested in this situation for many months and we have worked constantly to see if there wasn't some way that this place might be retained. Believe me when I tell you that Fort Huachuca was closed for economy purposes and I will have complete data on that in a few days, which I will use if and when the time seems proper.

I might say to you here that Fort Huachuca was opened because of politics and it would have been closed last fall had not President Truman ordered its retention in an effort to save a certain candidate's political life. One of the things that I abhorred during the whole campaign was the fact that the people of Cochise County were not being told the truth about the real status of Fort Huachuca. The Army is faced with the necessity of closing about six more of these camps and I can assure you that it's being done only in the interest of economy and that's the thing that we stressed all through the campaign. We can't ask that economy be practiced every place else but at home, and I think you'll agree with me on that.

My best regards to Gertrude and the children.

Sincerely,

Barry Coldwater